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Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following table lists the corresponding US and European document(s) to some of the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449:

Document Number	Corresponding Document(s)
DE 33 41 418 C2	US Patent No. 4,727,589
EP 0 258 976 B1	US Patent No. 4,833,625
EP 0 429 201 A2	US Patent No. 4,993,025
WO 94/03010	US Patent Nos. 5,321,520, 5,384,643 and 5,416,602
EP 0 591 739 A3	US Patent No. 5,522,067
EP 0 684 568 A1	US Patent No. 5,724,582
JP 2-206871	US Patent No. 5,019,975
JP 2-263269	US Patent No. 5,068,745
JP 6-175914	U.S. Patent No. 5,522,067
JP 8-007087	US Patent No. 5,724,582
JP 7-327205	EP 0 684 567 A1
JP 7-327196	EP 0 684 565 A1

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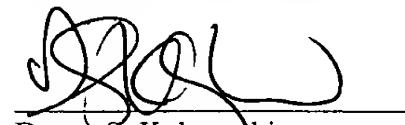
constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

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Respectfully submitted,

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